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**Commissioner Jeff Hatch-Miller's Statement**  
**Regarding the Attorney General Certifying the Commission's REST Rules**  
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This is a momentous day for Arizona. With the certification of the new Renewable Standard Rules by the Attorney General, Arizona will embark on the road to Energy Independence. These Rules represent an important first step as we look for ways to wean ourselves from fossil fuels imported from countries hostile to the American way of life like Iran, Libya, Venezuela and Russia.

We can now begin to control our destiny when it comes to energy. Our environment will be cleaner, our national security will remain strong, and our standard of living will be safeguarded.

Our electric utilities have the option of tapping a wide array of renewable energy resources, including solar, wind, biomass, biogas, and geothermal. As technological breakthroughs occur in the coming years, we have a great opportunity to capitalize on Arizona's vast solar resources. Arizona's geothermal resources may also become a major contributor with scientific advances.

The Commission took a bold and essential step in passing these rules. Using more renewable energy is one of the ways we can achieve Energy Independence.